Compliments of H. E. Nickerson

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF CHATHAM

FOR THE YEAR

1905.

CHATHAM MONITOR PRINT:
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TOWN OF CHATHAM,
Incorporated June 11, 1712.

TOWN OFFICERS.

FOR THE YEAR 1905.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Oliver E. Eldredge, Meriton E. Nickerson,
Alvin Z. Atkins.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

Alfred C. Harding.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Edmund Z. Ryder,	Term expires 1906
Benjamin H. Buck,	" " 1907
Erastus T. Bearse,	" " 1908

SUPERINTENDENT.

Frank H. Hill.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Oscar E. Howard,	Term expires 1906
George H. Nickerson, 2d,	" " 1907
Timothy K. Stearns,	" " 1908

CONSTABLES.

Francisco Bloomer, Augustus W. Baker.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

George H. Nickerson.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Thomas S. Arey,	Term expires 1906
Daniel S. Bassett,	" " 1907
Jonathan Eldridge,	" " 1908

FIELD DRIVERS.

E. N. Johnson, Charles R. Nickerson,
F. M. Allen, Solomon C. Atwood.

POUND KEEPER.

L. N. Doane.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Francis B. Rogers, (deceased), Barzillai Eldridge,
J. W. F. Doane.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK AND SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

David W. Edwards, J. A. Martell.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Erastus T. Bearse.

FOREST FIRE WARDENS.

Barzillai Eldridge, George W. Ryder,
George H. Nickerson.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

Edward N. Johnson.

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS.

George W. Bloomer.

TREE WARDEN.

Jonathan Eldridge.

JANITORS TOWN HALL.

Otis H. Harding, James C. Berry.

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

Meriton E. Nickerson,	Term expires 1906
Oliver E. Eldredge,	" " 1907
Heman A. Harding,	" " 1908

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Comparative Statement of Statistics relating to Taxation for the years 1904 and 1905 :

	1904	1905
Real estate assessed,	$800,627 00	$825,662 00
Personal estate assessed,	154,773 00	144,763 00
Total valuation,	955,400 00	970,425 00
Increase in valuation over 1904,		15,025 00
Total amount assessed for state, county and town purposes,	14,453 60	16,122 74
Rate on $1,000,	14 00	15 50
Total number polls assessed,	539	538
" acres assessed,	5,677½	5,682½
" dwellings assessed,	604	606
" residents assessed,	639	624
" non-residents assessed,	204	209
" persons assessed,	970	967
Value of property assessed non-residents,	$254,553 00	$278,188 00
Amount of taxes paid by non-residents,	3,563 74	4,311 91
Proportion of taxes paid by non-residents,	24+ per cent.	26+ per cent.

TOWN HALL EXPENSES.

Otis H. Harding, janitor's services and agent,	$35 00	
James C. Berry, janitor's services and agent,	65 00	
		$100 00
Cyrenus Ellis, coal,	$13 00	
Zenas Nickerson, coal,	9 00	
Daniel C. Harding, coal,	4 50	
		26 50
A. L. Howland, bill,		3 90
J. W. F. Doane, supplies,		11 00
D. E. Howes, supplies,		3 41
James C. Berry, bill, labor,		1 25
Otis H. Harding, bill, cleaning hall,	$5 00	
Otis H. Harding, bill, tuning piano,	5 00	
		10 00
J. H. Hardy, bill, cleaning and painting town office,		19 60
Eldredge Bros., supplies,		30 45
Zenas Kendrick, bill, mowing,		2 00
John J. Howes, supplies,		50
W. R. Taylor, "		5 75
L. S. Atwood, "		1 84
Charles R. Nickerson, bill, labor,		2 00
H. H. Grant, " "		3 08
J. A. Nickerson, supplies,		5 63
O. C. Nickerson, "		1 84
		$228 75

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN HALL.

Receipts from Town Hall,	$264 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriated,	$1,350.00.	
Oliver E. Eldredge, salary as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor to Dec. 30, 1905,	$225	00
Meriton E. Nickerson, salary as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor to Dec. 30, 1905,	225	00
Alvin Z. Atkins, salary as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor to Dec. 30, 1905,	225	00
A. W. Baker, posting warrants,	7	50
T. K. Stearns, salary as Registrar of Voters for 1904 and 1905, to Dec. 30, 1905,	25	00
Oscar E. Howard, salary as Registrar of Voters for 1904 and 1905, to Dec. 30, 1905,	25	00
George H. Nickerson, 2d, salary as Registrar of Voters, to Dec. 30, 1905,	12	50
Alfred C. Harding, salary as Town Treasurer to Dec. 30, 1905,	175	00
A. C. Harding, services as Clerk annual meeting, 1905,	5	00
C. A. Pratt, M. D., services as Town Doctor,	51	16
O. C. Nickerson, Moderator annual meeting,	10	00
B. F. Worthing, M. D., account Board of Health,	5	00
Francisco Bloomer, posting warrants,	8	00
George H. Nickerson, commission on taxes, 1905,	135	00
T. S. Arey, salary as Road Commissioner, 1905,	5	00
Jonathan Eldridge, salary as Road Commissioner, 1905,	5	00
Daniel Bassett, salary as Road Commissioner, 1905,	5	00
Alfred C. Harding, salary as Registrar of Voters,	19	50

Alfred C. Harding, recording births, marriages and deaths,	$31	28
Charles Bassett, commission on taxes,	101	68
George W. Bloomer, Auditor's salary to Dec. 30, 1905,	50	00
Jonathan Eldridge, salary as Tree Warden, 1905,	5	00
	$1,356	62
Deficit,	$6.62.	

INSURANCE TOWN'S BUILDINGS.

Appropriated,	$100.00.	
E. T. Bearse, balance insurance Village and Atwood school-houses, 3 years, 1904,	$26	70
E. T. Bearse, insurance piano, High school,	4	86
C. A. Freeman, insurance almshouse, 3 years,	33	00
C. A. Freeman, insurance Town Hall, 3 years,	41	25
	$105	81
Deficit,	$5.81.	

STATE AID.

State Aid, not assessed (to be re-imbursed).		
Expended,	$784	00

SOLDIERS' AID.

Appropriated,	$225.00.	
Expended,	$204	00
Balance unexpended,	$21.00.	

MILITARY AID.

Appropriated,	$50.00.
Military Aid, (one-half re-imbursed).	
Balance unexpended,	$50.00.

TOWN MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriated,	$500.00.	
W. L. Nickerson, telephoning,		$8 38
O. E. Eldredge, expenses to Boston, 4 times,		27 95
M. E. Nickerson, expenses to Boston, 5 times,		30 35
A. Z. Atkins, expenses to Boston, 3 times,		18 50
Alfred C. Harding, sundries,		21 85
Cotton & Gould, book,		2 25
Barry Printing Co., Registrar Voters list,		12 25
M. E. Nickerson, express,		2 20
T. C. Day, Treasurer's bond,		15 00
Willis S. Bearse, salary as Cattle Commissioner,		40 00
A. P. Goss, stationery,		7 00
W. L. Nickerson, stamped envelopes,		10 60
W. L. Nickerson, stationery, Town Clerk,		16 20
Francisco Bloomer, bill,		3 00
F. B. & F. P. Goss, printing town reports,		76 70
Andrew F. Sherman, recording deed,		67
O. E. Eldredge, expense to Barnstable,		1 10
M. E. Nickerson, expense to Barnstable,		1 10
A. Z. Atkins, expense to Barnstable,		1 10
John K. Kendrick, grading, &c.,		2 97
F. B. & F. P. Goss, printing,		19 64
E. T. Bearse, advertising,		8 80
Andrew F. Sherman, abstract book,		10 00
H. H. Baker, legal advice,		15 00

L. D. Buck, account fire, 1903,		$1 00
O. E. Eldredge, bill,		5 00
A. Z. Atkins, bill,		1 40
Chas. Bassett, account Gaius Mullett's taxes,		10 00
P. B. Murphy, bill,		1 75
Thomas Groom, Tax Collector's book,	$1 60	
Thomas Groom, Tax Collector's cash book,	2 25	
		3 85
Eldredge Bros., bill for pump, Old Harbor,		12 08
Calvin Hammond, bill,		1 25
E. T. Bearse, bill,		6 35
George H. Nickerson, sundries,		13 40
F. C. Swift, legal advice,		5 00
Rufus A. Nickerson, boat hire,		3 00
George B. Bassett, Election Officer,		2 50
Charles G. Watts, " "		2 50
Collins E. Howes, " "		2 50
F. A. Harding, " "		2 50
E. T. Bearse, " "		2 50
S. W. Hammond, " "		2 50
E. Z. Ryder, bill,		5 75
A. W. Kendrick, placing voting booth and repairs on hearse,		5 25
Treas. Town of Orleans, iron pillar for bound,		4 25
J. A. Nickerson, Justice fees,		2 25
Nellie F. Sherman, rent of Village Hall,		1 00
Joseph F. Smalley, care of Soldiers' Monument,		2 00
Charles Bassett, sale of Almira Young's property,		69 21
Chatham Monitor, printing,		10 00
Charles Bassett, sundries,		9 32
Seth W. Hammond, Justice fees,		2 25
		$542 97
Deficit,		$42.97.

SHIPWRECKED SAILORS.

Shipwrecked sailors, not assessed (to be re-imbursed).

Expended,	$28 95

PROTECTION SHELLFISH.

Appropriated,	$25.00.
Unexpended balance,	$25.00.

ELDREDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriated,	$250.00.	
Richard B. Harding, Treasurer, Town appropriation,		250 00

TOWN'S LANDINGS.

Appropriated,	$20.00.	
Expended,		$18 00
Unexpended balance,	$2.00.	

CLOCK.

Clock in tower of Methodist church:

Appropriations for 1904 and 1905,	$25.00.	
Expended,		$25 00

TAX ABATEMENTS.

Reuben A. Eldridge, poll, out of town, 1901,	$2 00
Rufus T. Eldridge, poll, dead, 1902,	2 00
Heirs of Elijah Crosby, overtaxed, 1902,	1 12
Asenath P. and L. Eugenie Eldridge, wrongly assessed, 1902,	1 50
Estate of E. M. Eldridge, no property, 1903,	35
Maria West, wrongly assessed, 1903,	6 86
Isaac L. Taylor, no property, 1904,	4 90
Russell Harding, no property, 1904,	1 40
Abbie J. Brightman, no property, 1904,	2 80
Isaac L. Small, overvalued, 1904,	56
Hannah Snow, unable to pay, 1904,	2 45
Seth Crowell, no property, 1904,	5 60
Charles Ellis, poll, unable to pay, 1904,	2 00
John Glendon, poll, out of town, 1904,	2 00
Richard E. Ryder, poll, assessed elsewhere, 1904,	2 00
Willie F. Eldridge, poll, assessed elsewhere, 1904,	2 00
T. E. McKay, poll, assessed in Wareham, 1904,	2 00
E. Z. Ryder and others, no property, 1904,	4 20
James G. Hyde, unable to pay, 1904,	4 52
Edward Kendrick, no property, 1905,	3 88
Sylvester Small, no property, 1905,	78
Nehemiah Cahoon, unable to pay, 1905,	2 07
Frederic L. Eldridge, poll, out of town, 1905,	2 00
Oscar C. Nickerson, wrongly assessed, 1905,	70
Susan Hawes, unable to pay, 1905,	4 62
Rufus Butler, no property, 1905,	28
Stephen H. Eldridge, poll, dead, 1905,	2 00
	$66 59

LIST OF JURORS.

Frederic M. Allen,	Farmer
George C. Eldridge,	Janitor
Levi W. D. Eldridge,	Cranberry Grower
Cyrenus Ellis,	Merchant
Seth W. Hammond,	Surveyor
Cyrus S. Kent,	Retired Sea Captain
John E. Perry,	Blacksmith
George H. Nickerson,	Cranberry Grower
Edmund Y. Hammond,	Teamster
Oscar M. Gould,	Fisherman
Josiah Mayo,	Carpenter
Alfred C. Harding,	Merchant
Carl W. Sherman,	Merchant
Ephraim A. Taylor,	Carpenter
Erwin A. Hale,	Farmer
Clarington E. Robbins,	Carpenter
Charles A. Howes,	Sailmaker
Benjamin A. Kendrick,	Mariner
Marcus W. Howard,	Merchant
Levi S. Atwood,	Merchant
Willis S. Bearse,	Farmer
George N. Bearse,	Merchant
Oscar C. Nickerson,	Merchant
Joshua A. Nickerson,	Merchant
Ephraim Smith,	Retired
Josiah M. Rogers,	Retired Merchant

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Sarah Snow:		
Monthly aid,		$60 00
John C. Eldridge:		
Supplies,		72 81
Mrs. Edward E. Harding,		
Weekly aid,		59 00
Miss Caroline Stearns:		
Quarterly aid,		52 00
Priscilla Stetson:		
Weekly aid,		60 50
Gideon H. Varney:		
Aid from Town of Wellfleet, 1904,	$35 34	
" " " " 1905,	65 31	
		100 65
Mrs. Hannah Burgess:		
Board and supplies,		166 43
Mrs. Abigail Lewis:		
Board and supplies,		166 43
Charles W. Ellis:		
Board and supplies,		94 76
Nathaniel Small:		
Supplies,		98 89
Mrs. L. O. Eldridge:		
Board and lodging tramps,		2 00
J. Augustus Bassett:		
Supplies,		16 04
Mrs. Paulina Nickerson:		
Supplies,		27 76

Edwin G. Harding :	
Aid from Town of Harwich,	$20 00
Mrs. Annie G. Ortloff,	
Supplies,	134 07
George M. Eldridge :	
Supplies,	4 00
Louisa Patterson :	
Aid from City of Boston,	12 00
	$1,147 34

OLIVER E. ELDREDGE,
MERITON E. NICKERSON,
ALVIN Z. ATKINS,

Selectmen of Chatham.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS.

PURPOSE	Appropriations for 1905	Expenditures 1905	Balance Unexpended 1905	Deficits 1905
Soldiers' Aid	$225 00	$204 00	$21 00	
Outside Poor	1,600 00	1,147 34	452 66	
Town Officers	1,350 00	1,356 62		$6 62
Town Miscellaneous	500 00	542 97		42 97
Macadam Road, new, near Depot	250 00	232 09	17 91	
Macadam Road, old, Repairs	75 00	74 01	99	
Road, General Repairs	1,250 00	1,180 99	69 01	
Sidewalks	250 00	206 83	43 17	
Shell Road from Atwood's Schoolhouse, West	75 00	65 64	9 36	
Wm. H. Wentworth Road	65 00	64 28	72	
Clearing Snow	600 00	510 83	89 17	
Clock on Methodist Church, 1904 $10 00 Clock on Methodist Church, 1905 15 00	25 00	25 00		
Mitchell's River Bridge	100 00	72 76	27 24	
Schools, Town appropriations $5,119 32 State Fund 1,303 90 Dog Fund 112 13 Superintendent 458 33 Lunacy and Charity 12 00 Reimbursed from Books and Supplies 1 44	7,007 12	6,877 26	129 86	
Loans and Interest	900 00	824 04	75 96	
Abatement of Taxes	75 00	66 59	8 41	
Suppression of Crime and Illegal Sale of Liquor	50 00	64 10		14 10
Protection of Shellfish	25 00		25 00	
Insurance Town Buildings	100 00	105 81		5 81
Town Hall (no appropriation) Receipts	264 00	228 75	35 25	
Eldredge Public Library	250 00	250 00		
Propagation of Shellfish	100 00	14 50	85 50	
Re-establishing Town Landings	20 00	18 00	2 00	
Shipwrecked Sailors' Burial Lot	20 00	19 92	08	
Care of Grounds, Wm. H. Mack Monument	10 00	10 00		
Military Aid	50 00		50 00	
Almshouse (no appropriation) Receipts	24 00	12 00	12 00	
Land $100, Grading Town Hall Grounds $150	250 00	250 00		
Totals	$15,510 12	$14,424 33	$1,155 29	$69 50
Deducting Deficits			69 50	
Net Balance to be carried to Sinking Fund			$1,085 79	

Approved: GEO. W. BLOOMER, *Auditor.*

January 8, 1906.

ESTIMATES FOR 1906.

The Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor respectfully submit the following estimates for the expenses of the several departments of the Town for the ensuing year:

Almshouse and Outside Poor,	$1,600 00
Town Officers,	1,350 00
Town Miscellaneous,	500 00
Interest,	1,100 00
Eldredge Public Library,	250 00
Abatement of Taxes,	100 00
Soldiers' Aid,	225 00
Suppression of Crime,	75 00
Shellfish,	25 00
State Aid, (re-imbursed),	800 00
Shipwrecked Sailors (re-imbursed),	100 00
Insurance Town buildings,	125 00
Military Aid,	50 00
	$6,300 00

Road purposes—Submitted by Road Commissioners:

Stone Road,	$1,500 00
General repairs,	1,000 00
Mitchell's River Bridge,	50 00
Sidewalks,	250 00
Repairs on Stone Road,	75 00
Snow,	250 00
	$3,125 00

School purposes—Submitted by School Committee:

Superintendent,	$546 68
Supervision,	225 00
Teachers,	3,500 00
Janitors,	350 00
Books and Supplies,	250 00
Miscellaneous,	300 00
Fuel,	250 00
Transportation,	75 00
Music and Drawing,	150 00
	$5,646 68

Respectfully Submitted,

OLIVER E. ELDREDGE,
MERITON E. NICKERSON,
ALVIN Z. ATKINS,

Selectmen of Chatham.

TOWN LANDINGS.

In accordance with the vote passed at our last annual Town Meeting in February, 1905, and in compliance with our duty, the Selectmen have located Town Landings as follows:

One on the South side of Mitchell's River Bridge joining the land on the West and South of David E. Gould.

One just west of Union Wharf, Stage Harbor.

One at the foot of the road leading past the residence of Richard H. Warren, Stage Harbor.

One at the foot of the road leading from Main street, near the dwelling house of the late Joel Sparrow.

One at Crow's Pond, Chatham Port, near the dwelling house of the late Jesse Nickerson.

One at North Chatham at the foot of the road leading past the residence of Rufus F. Nickerson.

One at foot of the road near the dwelling of James E. Young.

OLIVER E. ELDREDGE,
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Selectmen of Chatham.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury from 1904,	$164 00	
County Treasurer, dog money refunded,	112 13	
		$276 13
State Treasurer:		
Income Mass. school fund,	$1,303 90	
Acct. State highway loan fund,	6,176 79	
Temporary support State paupers,	85 20	
Burial State paupers,	15 00	
Compensation, inspection of animals,	20 00	
Corporation tax,	270 27	
National Bank tax,	1,227 08	
Military aid,	25 00	
State aid,	738 00	
		9,861 24
Charles Bassett:		
Taxes of 1901,	$38 38	
Taxes of 1902,	161 62	
Taxes of 1903,	10 96	
Taxes of 1904,	6,462 18	
Interest 1904,	116 90	
		6,790 04
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, on three notes,		3,500 00

George H. Nickerson, taxes of 1905,		$10,000 00
George S. Hall, account Supt. and teachers,		458 33
O. E. Eldredge:		
Receipts from Town Hall,		264 00
Receipts from almshouse,		24 00
Account steam roller,		30 00
Reimbursed freight on stone bounds,		28 88
Reimbursed freight on stone bounds,		6 88
Sales from estate Annie Ortloff,		64 03
Charles Bassett:		
Dividend Chatham R. R.,	$620 00	
Tax sale, property formerly owned by Mary L. Young,	25 33	
		645 33
Charles Bassett, treasurer building committee, schoolhouse at South Chatham, 1903,		1 80
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., account of forest fires, May and June, 1903,		764 34
W. H. Wentworth, account of road, North Chatham,		25 00
J. F. Small, pedler's license,		6 00
Wilbur Crowell, " "		1 80
Chas. M. Nickerson, " "		6 00
E. E. Emery, billiard and pool license,		2 00
F. N. Kelley, " " "		2 00
E. T. Bearse, bowling license,		1 00
E. N. Johnson, auctioneer's license,	$0 25	
E. T. Bearse, " "	25	
Jonathan Eldridge, " "	25	
J. N. Bloomer, " "	25	
C. W. Kelley, " "	25	
		1 25
Two voting lists, (sold)		75

Southern Mass. Telephone Co., for stamps and envelopes, (notices for hearings)	$1 19
State Auditor, account school supplies,	12 00
J. L. Hammett & Co., overpaid on books and supplies,	1 44
Frank Jones, overpaid (account snow)	10
R. A. Hopkins, cases of Charles Eldredge and Harold Nickerson,	5 06
Total receipts,	$32,780 59

EXPENDITURES.

Selectmen's Town orders,	$15,088 11	
Selectmen's school orders,	6,877 26	
Selectmen's road orders,	2,407 43	
		$24,372 80
State Treasurer, state tax,	$1,320 00	
State Treasurer, state highway,	84 90	
		1,404 90
County Treasurer, County tax,		1,384 75
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank :		
Four notes,	$4,500 00	
Interest,	99 04	
		4,599 04
National Shawmut Bank, Boston :		
Interest on Town bonds,	$720 00	
Care of Town bonds,	5 00	
		725 00

Suppression of crime,	$49 35	
Abatements on taxes,	66 59	
L. S. Atwood, Treasurer Old Home Week Committee,	60 13	
		$176 07
Balance in treasury,		118 03
Total expenditures,		$32,662 56

ALFRED C. HARDING, *Treasurer.*

Approved: GEO. W. BLOOMER, *Auditor.*

January 8, 1906.

SINKING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance turned over from 1902 Sinking Fund, to meet the ($12,000) railroad bonds coming due Sept. 1, 1907,	$157	40
Town's appropriation, 1902,	1,000	00
Unexpended balance, vote of Town, 1902,	394	13
Reimbursements, vote of Town, 1902,	201	05
Income, 1902,	12	52
Unexpended balance, vote of Town, 1903,	1,263	96
Appropriation, vote of Town, 1903,	1,000	00
Income, 1903,	29	11
Appropriation, vote of Town, 1904,	1,000	00
Unexpended balance, vote of Town, 1904,	837	22
Income, 1904,	69	65
Unexpended balance, vote of Town, 1905,	1,085	79
Income, 1905,	121	93
	$7,172	76

Amount brought forward,		$7,172 76

EXPENDITURES.

A. C. Harding, Treasurer's bond, 1903,	$9 00	
E. T. Bearse, unexpended balance schools, 1902,	32 56	
A. C. Harding, Treasurer's bond, 1904,	12 00	
Heman A. Harding, expense, 1904,	25	
Balance from Old Home Week, 1903, in the Treasury,	59 65	
		113 46
		$7,059 30

INVESTMENTS.

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank,	$1,285 17	
Home Savings Bank, Boston,	1,053 41	
Eliot Savings Bank, Boston,	184 66	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank,	595 55	
North End Savings Bank, Boston,	1,017 50	
Provident Inst. for Savings,	1,000 00	
In hands of Treasurer awaiting investment,	837 22	
Unexpended balance, 1905, not drawn,	1,085 79	
		$7,059 30

The amount of interest paid on this debt to Jan. 1, 1906, is at 4½ per cent. simple interest, about $24,885.00.

HEMAN A. HARDING,
MERITON E. NICKERSON,
OLIVER E. ELDREDGE,
Sinking Fund Commissioners.
ALFRED C. HARDING, *Treasurer.*
Approved: GEO. W. BLOOMER, *Auditor.*

LOVELAND FUND.

Report of the Trustees:

RECEIPTS.

1905.		
April and Oct.	C. C. Savings Bank, dividends,	$65 85
	Boston F. C. Savings Bank, dividends,	42 26
	Home Savings Bank, dividends,	36 09
May and Nov.	Union Inst. for Savings, dividends,	40 89
Jan. and July	E. Boston Savings Bank, dividends,	50 58
May	Coupon interest, Chatham R. R. bond,	30 00
May and Nov.	Coupon interest, B. W. & R. St. Railway bond,	50 00
Nov.	Premium in exchanging Chatham R. R. bond for Greenfield, Deerfield & Northampton St. Railway bond,	25 00
Dec.	Interest on loans to Town of Chatham,	397 12
		$737 79

PAYMENTS AND INVESTMENTS.

1905.

Deposited in Cape Cod Savings Bank,	$120 85
" Boston F. C. Savings Bank,	42 26
" Home Savings Bank,	36 09
" Union Inst. for Savings,	40 89
" E. Boston Savings Bank,	50 58
Oliver E. Eldredge, Trustee services,	15 00
Alvin Z. Atkins, Trustee services,	15 00
Charles Bassett, Trustee services,	20 00
Town Treasurer, interest on Town loans,	397 12
	$737 79

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, DEC. 31, 1905.

Cape Cod Savings Bank, book No. 9961,	$1,326 33
Cape Cod Savings Bank, book No. 11528,	659 13
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,239 52
Home Savings Bank,	1,058 72
Union Institution for Savings,	1,198 90
East Boston Savings Bank,	1,303 38
One B. W. & R. Street Railway bond,	1,000 00
One Deerfield, Greenfield & Northampton St. Railway bond,	1,000 00
Note of Town of Chatham, due Sept. 1, 1907,	6,000 00
Balance of Note of Town of Chatham, dated Jan. 1, 1897, overdue,	3,201 03
	$17,987 01

The net income from investments other than loans to the Town is $290.67, and this amount has been credited on the Town note.

CHAS. BASSETT,
OLIVER E. ELDREDGE,
ALVIN Z. ATKINS,
Trustees.

Approved: GEO. W. BLOOMER, *Auditor.*

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1905.

Stone road at Depot,	$250 00	
General repairs,	1,250 00	
Sidewalks,	250 00	
Repairs on stone road,	75 00	
Snow,	600 00	
Shell road,	75 00	
Mitchell's river bridge,	100 00	
Wm. H. Wentworth road,	65 00	
		$2,665 00

EXPENDITURES.

Stone road at Depot,	$232 09	
General repairs,	1,180 99	
Sidewalks,	206 83	
Repairs on stone road,	74 01	
Snow,	510 83	
Shell road,	65 64	
Mitchell's river bridge,	72 76	
Wm. H. Wentworth road,	64 28	
		2,407 43

Total Appropriations brought forward,	$2,665 00
Total Expenditures brought forward,	2,407 43
Unexpended,	$257 57

THOMAS S. AREY,
JONATHAN ELDRIDGE,
DANIEL S. BASSETT,

Road Commissioners.

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and supported with proper vouchers.

GEO. W. BLOOMER, *Auditor.*

Chatham, Jan. 2, 1906.

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide Boards are maintained at the following places:

Near E. M. Eldredge's store, South Chatham; near L. N. Doane's residence, West Chatham; N. E. Kendrick's corner, Chatham; at North Chatham, near A. W. Baker's residence; and at D. H. Crowell's corner, Chathamport; also one near Chathamport school-house; one at Orick Nickerson's corner, Chathamport; S. D. Clifford's corner; and one near Elijah Nickerson's, Chathamport.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ESTIMATES FOR 1906.

Stone road,	$1,500 00	
General repairs,	1,000 00	
Mitchell's river bridge,	50 00	
Sidewalks,	250 00	
Repairs on stone road,	75 00	
Snow,	250 00	
		$3,125 00

The Road Commissioners recommend that the appropriations for 1906 for repairs on roads, bridges, etc., be made as above.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. AREY,
JONATHAN ELDRIDGE,
DANIEL S. BASSETT,

Road Commissioners of Chatham.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

In accordance with the law your Auditor submits his sixth annual report of the financial condition of the town, together with the receipts and disbursements of the town for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

I have examined the accounts of the fund held in trust and find the securities on hand and the statement of income and disbursements correctly stated.

The books of the Treasurer have been examined, the cash on hand verified, and they have been found correct.

The accounts of the Road Commissioners have been examined, and they have been found correct, agreeing with the amounts paid to them by the Treasurer.

The accounts of the School Board have been examined and I find them correct.

I have examined the books of the Collectors, verifying their receipts and amounts paid by them to the Treasurer, and they have been found correct, taking into consideration the amount of unpaid taxes of this date.

The unpaid taxes Dec. 31, 1905, agree with the amount called for by the Assessors' books.

TOWN HALL RECEIPTS.

Jan. 19,	$12 00	
Feb. 8,	34 00	
Mar. 18,	31 00	
Apr. 28,	32 50	
May 4,	20 50	
May 31,	4 00	
July 17,	20 50	
Aug. 23,	44 00	
Sept. 16,	22 50	
Oct. 19,	12 50	
Nov. 6,	9 00	
Dec. 4,	9 00	
Dec. 29,	12 50	
		$264 00
Expended,		228 75
Unexpended,		$35 25

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Appropriation,	$900.00	
Note to the C. C. F. C. S. Bank unpaid last year,		$1,000 00
Feb. 17 paid interest on the above note, also note.		
Feb. 17, Interest on the above note,	$5 14	
Interest on Town Bonds, due March 1, rate 4½ per cent.,	360 00	
Care of Bonds,	5 00	

Interest on Town Bonds, due Sept. 1, rate 4½ per cent.,	$360 00	
Interest on Note, $1,000.00, paid Oct. 4, rate 4 per cent.,	20 00	
Interest on Note, $2,000.00, paid Oct. 31, rate 4 per cent.,	40 00	
Interest on Note, $500.00, paid Jan. 3, 1906, rate 4 per cent.,	10 00	
Jan. 3, 1906, interest,	13 78	
Jan. 3, 1906, "	10 12	
		$824 04
Unexpended to balance,		75 96
		$900 00

TAXES.

Taxes as collected by Chas. Bassett and Geo. H. Nickerson, Tax Collectors, showing dates and amounts as paid to the Town Treasurer, Alfred C. Harding, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905:

Jan. 13,	Taxes 1904,	$1,000 00
Jan. 28,	" "	300 00
Feb. 11,	" "	500 00
Mar. 4,	" "	500 00
April 1,	" "	200 00
May 2,	" "	200 00
" 27,	" "	200 00
June 6,	" 1901 and 1902,	*200 00

* Mullett-Nickerson Case.

June	10,	Taxes 1904,	$300 00	
July	1,	" "	200 00	
"	8,	" "	200 00	
"	15,	" "	200 00	
"	21,	" "	200 00	
"	28,	" "	400 00	
Aug.	5,	" "	‡200 00	
"	12,	" "	300 00	
"	23,	" "	600 00	
"	25,	" "	§200 00	
Sept.	1,	" "	300 00	
"	29,	" "	200 00	
"	27,	" "	200 00	
Dec.	30,		179 08	
				$6,779 08

Commission, at .015, $101 68

Taxes as collected by Geo. H. Nickerson:

Aug.	31,	Taxes 1905,	$500 00
Sept.	11,	" "	450 00
"	14,	" "	400 00
Oct.	5,	" "	950 00
"	12,	" "	350 00
"	19,	" "	300 00
"	26,	" "	600 00
Nov.	2,	" "	350 00
"	7,	" "	500 00
"	9,	" "	400 00
"	16,	" "	400 00
"	23,	" "	400 00

‡ Interest $116.90 Paid.
§ Abatements included $61.93.

Dec. 7, Taxes 1905,	$1,000 00	
" 14, " "	400 00	
" 22, " "	1,550 00	
" 28, " "	600 00	
" 30, " "	850 00	
		$10,000 00
Total Taxes collected year ending Dec. 31, 1905,		$16,779 08
Abatements included:		
Edward Kendrick,	$3 88	
Sylvester Small,	78	
		$4 66
		61 93
Total Abatements,		$66 59

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Appropriation,	$50.00.
Feb. 8. Paid Elisha H. Bearse, services S. G. Eldredge case, by order of the Court,	$14 07
Nov. 21. Paid Jonathan Eldredge, services C. A. Pratt case, by order of the Court,	29 08
Dec. 12. Paid Edwin Hutchins, services C. A. Pratt case, by order of the Court,	2 86
Dec. 12. Paid Jonathan Eldredge, services Lewellyn D. Rogers case, by order of the Court,	3 34
Paid A. W. Baker, services July 3d and 4th,	4 50
July 15. Paid Francis Bloomer, services July 3,	3 00
Nov. 6. Paid Jonathan Eldredge, services C. A. Pratt case,	7 25
	$64 10

SHIPWRECKED SAILORS.

Appropriation,	$100.00.
Paid A. Z. Atkins, acct. schr. Carrie Roberts,	$2 75
" O. E. Eldredge, acct. schr. M. C. Haskell,	10 95
" A. C. Harding, " " Chas. E. Sears,	9 60
" A. Z. Atkins, " " " " "	4 15
" A. Z. Atkins, acct. transportation baggage,	1 50
	$28 95
Unexpended to balance,	71 05
	$100 00

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

Appropriations	$1,250 00 General Repairs	$250 00 Macadam new nearDepot	$75 00 Macadam old Repairs	$100 00 Mitchell River Bridge	$250 00 Sidewalks	$600 00 Snow	$65 00 Went-worth Road	$75 00 Shell Road	Totals
April 5						$218 84			$218 84
5						135 89			135 89
5						22 85			22 85
5						47 65			47 65
5						44 25			44 25
5						41 35			41 35
May 3	$331 60								331 60
16	335 80		$51 66	$2 35	$94 40			$48 07	532 28
16	279 70								279 70
June 6		$62 23							62 23
July 6	30 33	169 86			64 82				265 01
Aug. 8							$38 78		38 78
Sept. 5	62 15		13 90	2 37					78 42
5	46 00								46 00
Oct. 3							25 50		25 50
Nov. 9				15 74	22 93			17 57	56 24
Dec. 26	88 91		8 45	52 30	24 68				174 34
30	6 50								6 50
	$1,180 99	$232 09	$74 01	$72 76	$206 83	$510 83	$64 28	$65 64	$2.407 43

Total Appropriations, $2,665.00; Total Expenditures, $2,407.43; Unexpended Balance to be carried to Sinking Fund, $257.57.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1905.

	Teachers	Janitors	Superintendent	Miscellaneous	Books and Supplies	Fuel	Supervision	Totals
Feb. 8	$448 88	$66 00	$51 61		$13 20			$579 69
8				$9 55			$18 75	28 30
Mar. 6	448 88	66 00	51 61	17 92	85 01		6 25	675 67
31	448 88	66 00	51 61	29 71	13 64		6 25	616 09
May 2	336 66	45 75	51 61	10 62	21 84		43 75	510 23
June 5	448 88	61 00	51 61	10 12	31 57	$44 00	12 50	659 68
29	561 18	76 25	51 61	19 53		186 50	25 00	920 07
Aug. 5			51 61	5 70	40 69		18 75	116 75
Sept. 5			51 61	6 83			18 75	77 19
Oct. 18	44 44		51 61	196 39				292 44
Nov. 8	396 44	60 00	51 61	13 19	116 56		37 50	675 30
28	440 88	60 00						500 88
Dec. 4			51 61	64 35				115 96
15	464 88	60 00	43 45					568 33
30				269 64	42 81	190 73	37 50	540 68
	$4,040 00	$561 00	$611 16	$653 55	$365 32	$421 23	$225 00	$6,877 26

Total Appropriations, $7,007.12; Total Expenditures, $6,877.26; Net Balance to be carried to Sinking Fund, $129.86.

SCHOOLS.

Financial Statement and Comparison of Schools for the years ending Dec. 31, 1904-1905.

RECEIPTS, 1904.

Town appropriation,	$5,765 32	
State fund,	929 85	
Dog fund,	108 57	
Superintendent,	483 87	
Lunacy and Charity,	12 00	
		$7,299 61

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages,	$4,258 00	
Janitors' wages,	585 70	
Superintendent,	619 32	
Miscellaneous,	416 62	
Books and supplies,	423 71	
Fuel,	410 91	
Unpaid bills, 1903,	150 00	
Repairs on buildings,	140 59	
Supervision,	225 00	
		7,229 85
Unexpended balance,		$69 76

RECEIPTS, 1905.

Town appropriation,	$5,119 32	
State fund,	1,303 90	
Dog fund,	112 13	
Superintendent,	458 33	
Lunacy and Charity,	12 00	
Reimbursed from books and supplies,	1 44	
		$7,007 12

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages,	$4,040 00	
Janitors' wages,	561 00	
Superintendent,	611 16	
Miscellaneous,	653 55	
Books and supplies,	365 32	
Fuel,	421 23	
Supervision,	225 00	
		6,877 26
Unexpended balance,		$129 86

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

By GEO. W. BLOOMER, Auditor.

PURPOSE	Appropriations for 1905	Expenditures 1905	Balance Unexpended 1905	Deficits 1905
Soldiers' Aid	$225 00	$204 00	$21 00	
Outside Poor	1,600 00	1,147 34	452 66	
Town Officers	1,350 00	1,356 62		$6 62
Town Miscellaneous	500 00	542 97		42 97
Macadam Road, new, near Depot	250 00	232 09	17 91	
Macadam Road, old, Repairs	75 00	74 01	99	
Road, General Repairs	1,250 00	1,180 99	69 01	
Sidewalks	250 00	206 83	43 17	
Shell Road from Atwood's Schoolhouse, West	75 00	65 64	9 36	
Wm. H. Wentworth Road	65 00	64 28	72	
Clearing Snow	600 00	510 83	89 17	
Clock on Methodist Church, 1904 $10 00 Clock on Methodist Church, 1905 15 00	25 00	25 00		
Mitchell's River Bridge	100 00	72 76	27 24	
Schools, Town appropriations $5,119 32 State Fund 1,303 90 Dog Fund 112 13 Superintendent 458 33 Lunacy and Charity 12 00 Reimbursed from Books and Supplies 1 44	7,007 12	6,877 26	129 86	
Loans and Interest	900 00	824 04	75 96	
Abatement of Taxes	75 00	66 59	8 41	
Suppression of Crime and Illegal Sale of Liquor	50 00	64 10		14 10
Protection of Shellfish	25 00		25 00	
Insurance Town Buildings	100 00	105 81		5 81
Town Hall (no appropriation) Receipts	264 00	228 75	35 25	
Eldredge Public Library	250 00	250 00		
Propagation of Shellfish	100 00	14 50	85 50	
Re-establishing Town Landings	20 00	18 00	2 00	
Shipwrecked Sailors' Burial Lot	20 00	19 92	08	
Care of Grounds, Wm. H. Mack Monument	10 00	10 00		
Military Aid	50 00		50 00	
Almshouse (no appropriation) Receipts	24 00	12 00	12 00	
Land $100, Grading Town Hall Grounds $150	250 00	250 00		
Totals	$15,510 12	$14,424 33	$1,155 29	$69 50
Deducting Deficits			69 50	
Net Balance to be carried to Sinking Fund			$1,085 79	

Received on account Forest Fire, 1903, from N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., $764 34

Received on account Shipwrecked Sailors from State Treasurer, 100 24

Received on account Suppression Crime, 2d District Court, fines, 5 04

Received on account Miscellaneous, Cattle Inspection,	20 00
Received on account South Chatham schoolhouse,	1 80
	$891 42

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1905:

Town's bonds,	$16,000 00
Notes to Loveland Fund Trustees,	9,201 03
	$25,201 03

ASSETS.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1905:

Balance 1904 tax,	$3 40
Balance 1905 tax,	6,149 76
310 shares Chatham Branch R. R., estimated value,	9,300 00
Amount in Sinking Fund,	5,973 51
Cash on hand in Treasury,	118 03
	$21,544 70

HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND LOAN FUND.

Town of Chatham in acct. with the Massachusetts Highway Commission and Loan Fund, year 1905:

Town's appropriation,	$3,000.00.	
Expended Sept. 18,	$2,644 20	
Expended Oct. 18,	290 55	
		$2,934 75
To balance,		65 25
		$3,000 00

State's allotment to the Town, year 1905, $6,909.83.
Received from the State Treasurer:

July 7,	$715 20	
July 17,	28 88	
Aug. 3,	3,851 80	
Sept. 12,	6 88	
Oct. 3,	3 53	
Nov. 9,	304 75	
Dec. 15,	1,301 51	
		$6,212 55

Payments by the Town:

May 29. Paid A. L. Hardy, freight on steam roller,	$51 00
June 5. Paid A. L. Hardy, freight on stone bounds,	34 88
July 7. Paid Jonathan Eldridge, Treasurer Road Commissioners,	715 20
Aug. 3. Paid Jonathan Eldridge, Treasurer Road Commissioners,	3,851 80

Sept. 12. Paid A. A. Eldredge, freight on stone bounds,	$6 08	
Oct. 3. Paid T. Arey, freight on catch basin frames,	3 53	
Nov. 9. Paid Jonathan Eldridge,	304 75	
Dec. 15. Paid Jonathan Eldridge,	1,274 51	
		$6,241 75

Cr.

June 18. By cash from Town of Orleans on acct. steam roller,	30 00
	$6,211 75
Sept. 12. State's receipts show a difference of 80 cents to balance,	80
	$6,212 55

Estimate on the last layout by the Highway Commission, $7,000.00.

Paid for advertising proposals,	$18 41
" " writing contract,	5 00
To be reimbursed by the State,	$23 41

SELECTMEN'S TOWN ORDERS.

Selectmen's Town Orders, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905, showing requisitions, dates and amounts as paid by Town Treasurer Alfred C. Harding:

Requisition No. 1, Feb. 9,	$333 61
" " 2, " 16,	54 40
" " 3, Mar. 7,	218 44
Blanket order drawn in favor Mrs. J. C. Small,	24 00
Requisition No. 5, Mar. 20,	65 25
" " 6, Apr. 4,	316 83
Apr. 13, blanket order drawn in favor Mrs. Florence Nickerson,	100 00
Requisition No. 8, Apr. 20,	68 25
" " 9, May 2,	400 00
" " 10, " 16,	73 47
" " 11, " 30,	58 00
" " 12, June 6,	234 15
" " 13, July 5,	282 37
July 7, blanket order drawn in favor Jonathan Eldridge, reimbursed by the State,	715 20
Requisition No. 15, July 17,	115 51
" " 16, " 31,	52 00
Aug. 3, blanket order drawn in favor Jonathan Eldridge, reimbursed by State,	3,851 80
Requisition No. 18, Aug. 8,	250 63
" " 19, Sept. 5,	242 55
" " 20, " 12, freight on eight stone bounds, reimbursed by State,	6 08
Requisition No. 21, Sept. 18, new macadam, So. Chatham, Town's appropriation, $3,000,	2,644 20
Requisition No. 21, Sept. 18,	9 00

Requisition No. 22, Oct. 2, blanket order drawn in favor C. A. Freeman,	$41 25
Requisition No. 23, Oct. 3,	364 95
Oct. 3, special order, freight on catch basin frames, reimbursed,	3 53
Requisition No. 24, Oct. 18, new macadam, So. Chatham, Town's appropriation, $3,000,	290 55
Requisition No. 25, Nov. 8,	295 66
" " 26, " 9, drawn in favor Jonathan Eldridge, reimbursed,	304 75
Requisition No. 27, Nov. 18,	121 30
" " 28, Dec. 15, drawn in favor Jonathan Eldridge, reimbursed,	1,274 51
Requisition No. 28, Dec. 15,	36 95
" " 29, " 5,	197 55
" " 30, " 30,	1,138 98
" " 31, " 30,	837 22
	$15,088 11

FOREST FIRES.

These fires were started by Section-hand J. Hellew of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., April 1st and April 15th, 1905; $20.37 has been paid from the Town's Treasury, which has not been reimbursed.

ALMSHOUSE.

The almshouse was let to Mr. John Bevins, April 1st, 1905, rent $3.00 per month.

Receipts,	$24 00
Expenditures,	12 00
Unexpended,	$12 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. BLOOMER,

Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Births registered in the Town of Chatham for the year 1905:

Feb. 10. A daughter, Marjorie RyderHammond, to Isaac L. and Lizzie E. Hammond.

Feb. 22. A daughter, Harriet Louise Howes Eldridge, to Joshua Clarence and Clara Eldridge.

March 5. A son, Fred W. Baker, Jr., to Fred W. and Lucy H. Baker.

March 30. A daughter, Grace Ellen Clark, to Edward Lyon and Minnie B. Clark.

April 22. A son, no name, to Daniel C. and Celia Harding.

April 30. A son, Merwin Crawford Hardwick, to William Henry and Rowena Hardwick.

May 21. A son, Kenneth Herman Kendrick, to Elmer Francis and Laura Lelia Kendrick.

June 1. A son, Ralph Irving Doane, to Alonzo Irving and Mercie Ella Doane.

July 24. A daughter, Edna Frances Harding, to George N. and Eunice Frances Harding.

July 26. A son, Archer Elwood Nickerson, to Willis Henry and Bernice Eula Nickerson.

Aug. 5. A daughter, Mercy Helena Harding, to Nathan Everett and Helena Dora Harding.

Aug. 20. A son, Charles Frances Glendon, to Richard Alfred and Mary Glendon.

Sept. 20. A daughter, Sabra Holway Cahoon, to Eugene Everett and Georgia Cleora Cahoon.

Oct. 3. A daughter, Rosannah Vivian Higgins, to Willie H. L. and Rosannah Higgins.

Oct. 27. A son, Franklin Sumner Eldredge, to Chester Ambrose and Mary Angenette Eldredge.

Nov. 16. Twins, daughters, Coline Louise Robbins and Carolyn Margurite Robbins to Robert W. and Carrie L. Robbins.

Nov. 17. A daughter, Evelyn May Harding, to Marcellus E. and Jennie Mertis Harding.

Dec. 2. A daughter, Florence Warren Young, to Fred T. and Lizzie E. Young.

Dec. 24. A daughter, Luretta Corene Jerauld, to Silas R. and Mary Jerauld.

If the parents of the above-named children notice any errors or omissions, kindly notify the Town Clerk on or before February 25, 1906.

MARRIAGES.

Marriages recorded in the Town of Chatham for the year 1905:

Jan. 5. William H. L. Higgins of South Chatham, to Rosanna Lee of Harwich.

Feb. 23. Charles Edson Smith of Boston, to Bertha Thomas Cahoon of Chatham.

March 13. Samuel B. Olson of Chatham, to Aldena Eldredge of Chatham.

March 19. Frederick E. Johnson of South Chatham to Ethel V. Eldredge of East Harwich.

March 20. Augustus W. Bearse of South Chatham, to Lydia J. Eldredge of East Harwich.

Apr. 12. James B. Ellis of East Boston, to Isabel M. Bearse of South Chatham.

Apr. 11. Wendell Eldredge of South Chatham, to Ethel C. Lee of South Harwich.

Apr. 18. Zenas H. Kendrick of West Chatham, to Bessie B. Allen of Chatham Port.

May 4. Harry E. Young of South Chatham, to Blanche May Robinson of West Dennis.

July 1. Fred F. Dill of Eastham, to Nellie M. Rogers of Kenduskeag, Maine.

Sept. 6. Alberto Morton Eldredge of South Chatham, to Augusta Eldredge Bearse of Chatham.

Sept. 11. Obed Abelino Fulcher of Eastham, to Lottie Marion Young of Chatham.

Oct. 11. Wesley C. Eldredge of Chatham, to Georgia W. Gould of Chatham.

Oct. 12. Joseph N. Bloomer of Chatham, to Maria L. Young of Boston.

Oct. 18. Roland Buck Snow of Chatham, to Betsey Seabury Eldredge of Chatham.

Oct. 25. Oliver H. Fessenden of Wakefield, to Agnes A. Howard of Chatham.

Nov. 8. Ezra N. Atkins Hammond of Chatham, to Lillian Frances Ryder of Chatham.

Nov. 24. Lewellyn Delmont Rogers, to Lottie Linwood Small.

Dec. 19. Kimball Harold Ryder, to Bessie Dean.

Dec. 20. Jonathan N. Ryder, to C. Geneva Freeman.

Feb. 17. Augustus W. S. Loveland, to Harriet Lucretia Taylor.

DEATHS.

Deaths registered in the Town of Chatham, 1905:

		AGE		
		Y	*M*	*D*
Jan. 18.	Mary E. Darling,	71	9	24
20.	Julia A. Nickerson,	86		
Feb. 19.	Mehitable E. Cahoon,	75	3	10
March 5.	Fred W. Baker,	—	—	—
13.	Caroline Clark,	64	2	10
31.	George Bearse,	69	6	
April 22.	Infant (no name),	—	—	—

			AGE		
			Y	M	D
May	7.	Delila Young,	67	4	11
	16.	Sarah S. Small,	51	8	14
June	13.	Abner S. Nickerson,	65	9	
	23.	Annie G. Ortloff,	46		
	29.	Henrietta W. Hamilton,	69	9	10
July	8.	Ephraim A. Howes,	68		
	11.	Lina B. Atwood,	42		
Aug.	12.	Lucy A. Dillingham,	85	3	12
	20.	Nelson Paulson (drowned)	45		
Sept.	8.	Francis B. Rogers,	75	2	
	22.	Alpheus Mayo,	79	11	
	27.	Moses E. Nickerson,	57		
Oct.	29.	Benjamin S. Cahoon,	77	9	18
Nov.	2.	Dean N. Eldredge,	51	8	
	2.	Angie Bevens,	52		
	18.	Laura A. Hardy,	59	2	
Dec.	24.	Luretta C. Jerauld, 18 hours			
	27.	Lucina R. Bassett,	75	1	23

Deaths occurring in other towns and burial in Chatham, for the year 1905 :

			AGE		
			Y	M	D
Jan.	16.	Louisa P. Hamilton,	79	9	28
	31.	Martha Jane Snow,	57	7	18
May	15.	George Dexter Tripp,	69	7	8
June	7.	Gustavus Ryder,	75	7	
	25.	Nathaniel E. Reynolds,	62	2	6
Aug.	7.	Alvano T. Nickerson,	66	1	14
	24.	Addie M. Lewis,	65		
Oct.	13.	Ephraim Choate Haskell,	76	2	5

DOGS.

Number of Dogs licensed in Chatham for the year 1905 :

Males, 56 at $2.00 each,	$112 00
Females, 15 at $5.00 each,	75 00
	$187 00
Town Clerk's fees on 71 Dogs at 20 cents,	14 20
Remitted to County Treasurer,	$172 80

Attest: ALFRED C. HARDING,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEB. 6th and 7th, 1905.

Meeting called to order at 9.25 a. m. by the Town Clerk.

Elected, O. C. Nickerson, moderator, sworn by Clerk.

Prayer by Rev. Charles Smith.

Voted, To accept the Town Officers' reports.

The chair appointed the following tellers: Cyrenus Ellis, Charles Ireland, Heman F. Chase, and N. B. Small.

Building Committee's report on new school-house at South Chatham read and accepted.

Art. 4. Elected, Oliver E. Eldredge, Meriton E. Nickerson and Alvin Z. Atkins, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Elected, Alfred C. Harding, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Elected, Jonathan Eldridge, Road Commissioner for three (3) years.

Elected, George H. Nickerson, Tax Collector for one (1) year.

Elected, George W. Bloomer, Town Auditor for one (1) year.

Elected A. W. Baker and Francisco Bloomer, Constables for one (1) year.

Elected, Heman A. Harding, Sinking Fund Commissioner for three (3) years.

Elected, E. T. Bearse, School Committee for three (3) years.

Voted, That the same field drivers for 1904 serve this year; they are, E. N. Johnson, F. M. Allen, Charles R. Nickerson, and Solomon C. Atwood.

Voted, To have the same fence viewers this year that served last year; they are, Francis B. Rogers, Barzillai Eldredge and J. W. F. Doane.

Elected, Jonathan Eldridge, tree warden for one (1) year.

Art. 5. Voted, To raise such sums of money as considered necessary to defray Town charges for the year 1905 and appropriate the same to the several departments.

Appropriations voted for 1905:

To be raised for	almshouse and outside poor,		$1,600 00
"	"	Town officers' salaries,	1,350 00
"	"	Town miscellaneous,	500 00
"	"	interest,	900 00
"	"	Eldredge public library,	250 00
"	"	abatement on taxes,	75 00
"	"	soldiers' aid,	225 00
"	"	suppression of crime,	50 00
"	"	State aid,	900 00
"	"	shipwrecked sailors,	100 00
"	"	insurance Town buildings,	100 00
"	"	military aid,	50 00

(Art. 5 tabled).

Art. 6. Voted, To take up Art. 6, and that the polls be left open one hour, to vote Yes or No on the following questions: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? Voted, (No, 51), (Yes, 5).

(Retired to lower hall for dinner).

Art. 5 taken from the table.

To be raised for School purposes:

"	"	Superintendent of schools,	$619 00
"	"	supervision,	225 00
"	"	teachers' wages,	3,400 00
"	"	janitors' wages,	175 00
"	"	books and supplies,	250 00
"	"	school miscellaneous,	200 00
"	"	fuel,	250 00

Voted, That the Town Officers' salaries be the same as last year.

Moved and voted to lay Art. 5 on the table.

Voted, To take up Art. 30.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for the purpose of building a stone road from the Harwich line to the end of the stone road in West Chatham, provided the Massachusetts Highway Commission will appropriate a sum of money in addition to said $3,000.00 sufficient to complete the above named section of road.

Voted, To take Art. 5 from the table.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of $1,250.00 for general repairs.

For sidewalks,	$250 00
" M. R. bridge,	100 00
" repairs on stone road,	75 00
" clearing snow,	600 00

Voted, Free use of the lower hall to the several Churches, for getting up dinners at these meetings. (Art. 5 tabled).

Art. 31. Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 to complete the stone road from J. W. Nickerson's corner to Chatham Depot.

Art. 7. Voted, 20 cents per hour be paid for man and 15

cents per hour for horse for working on highways and clearing snow.

Voted, That whatever section of stone road be built in this Town this year be let out to contract, and given to the lowest satisfactory bidder, he giving bond satisfactory to the Selectmen.

Art. 8. Voted, To authorize the collector of taxes to use all means of collecting the same which a Town Treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Art. 9. Voted, To authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not exceeding $6,000.00 in anticipation of taxes, and make the same payable from the taxes of the present year.

Art. 10. Voted, That the name of E. S. Kendrick be dropped from the list of Jurors and the name of W. R. Taylor be added. Voted, to accept the list of Jurors as revised.

Art. 11. Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to control and regulate, or prohibit, the taking of Eels, Clams, Quahaugs, and Scallops, in the Town of Chatham, and that they may grant permits prescribing the times and methods of taking Eels and the shellfish above mentioned, within said town, and make such other regulations in regard to said fisheries as they may deem expedient.

Art. 12. Voted, To authorize the granting of eel and shellfish permits by any one member of the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 13. Voted, To direct the Selectmen to pay over to the Sinking Fund Commissioners all the balances of the several appropriations for 1905, less the deficits unexpended on December 31, 1905.

Voted, To postpone Articles 14, 15 and 16.

Art. 17. Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to defend any suits brought against the Town or Commonwealth for

damages on account of the construction of State highways in this Town.

Art. 18. Voted, To authorize the Selectmen to stipulate in writing in behalf of the Town to indemnify and save harmless the Commonwealth against all claims and demands for damages which may be sustained by any person whose property is taken for or is injured by the construction of any highway which the Massachusetts Highway Commission may lay out and construct as a State road in this Town.

Art. 19. Voted, To instruct the Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for any section of State highway that may be built in this Town in 1905.

Voted, To postpone Article 20.

Art. 21. Voted, That the bill against N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company, forest fires, June 3, 1903, be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

Art. 22. Voted, Not to sell the village school grounds.

Art. 23. (Land joining high school grounds.) Voted, That the School Committee, with the retiring and School Committee-elect, be instructed to view the land and get price and report to this meeting to-morrow. (Tabled.)

Art. 24. Postponed.

Art. 25. Voted, That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00, to be expended by the Selectmen, in accordance with Chapter 282, of the Acts of 1904, and authorize the Selectmen to close such flats for such periods as they deem necessary for such purpose.

Moved and voted to adjourn this meeting until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday morning, Feb. 7th.

Adjourned meeting called to order at 9.10 o'clock.

Art. 26. Moved by O. E. Eldredge and Voted, To raise

and appropriate the sum of $75 for shell road leading from Atwood School, westerly (Neck Road).

Art. 27. Voted, To reimburse the M. E. Church Society in the sum of $10, for money paid for care of the Tower Clock for the year 1904.

Art. 28. Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of $15 for the care of the Tower Clock and expense of repairs on same for the year 1905, and that the Selectmen have the power to care or appoint some suitable person to the care of the clock.

Art. 29. Voted, That the matter of survey of Town landings be left with the Selectmen, to ascertain, maintain and defend all Town landings in said Town of Chatham.

Art. 23. Taken from the table. The Committee appointed to view the land reported that the price asked for the same was $100.00, and to their judgment, there was about one and one-half acres. Voted, To buy part of the land joining land of High School grounds, at a price not to exceed $100.00. Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 for land and grading purposes. Voted, That $150.00 be used for grading purposes around High School grounds, and the Town Hall grounds also. Voted, That if it is graded, it be let out to contract. Voted, That it be left with the Selectmen to carry out the provisions of this vote.

Art. 32. Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to reimburse the Town treasury for money paid W. F. Blount, alleged damages in 1903.

Voted, To postpone Article 33.

Art. 34. Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed and authorized to collect by law, or otherwise, the taxes in the hands of Charles Bassett, Tax Collector.

Art. 35. Voted, To raise and appropriate $10.00 for the

care of the grounds around the Monument erected on Government grounds.

Voted, To take Article 5 from the table.

Voted, To raise and appropriate $25.00 for the protection of shellfish.

Voted, To raise and appropriate $20.00 for the improvement of the Sailors' burying ground on Government land.

Voted, To reconsider the vote whereby we voted to indefinitely postpone Article 20. Voted, That we take the money now in the hands of the Treasurer, $60.13, for the observance of Old Home Week for this year. Voted, A committee of three be appointed for Old Home Week purposes. Appointed Rev. Charles Smith, E. T. Bearse, L. Sidney Atwood.

Voted, $10.00 for the Moderator services at these meetings.

Voted, $5.00 for the Janitor to clean up the Hall after these meetings, and $5.00 for the Clerk for his services at these meetings.

At 3.50 p. m. voted to adjourn.

ALFRED C. HARDING,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 17, 1905.

Meeting called to order by the Town Clerk at 8 o'clock p. m.

Art. 1. Elected O. C. Nickerson, Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted, That the Moderator read the plan, courses, etc., of the road as laid out by the Road Commissioners on

a petition of William H. Wentworth and others. Voted, That the Town accept the petition of William H. Wentworth and others, and raise and appropriate the sum of $40.00 for the same.

Art. 3. Motion of Charles Bassett, Esq. I move that the appropriation of $3,000.00, as appropriated at the last annual Town Meeting, be now made available and applied to the building of a stone road at South and West Chatham. Twenty-four voted in favor and ten opposed. Declared a vote.

Moved and voted to adjourn.

ALFRED C. HARDING,

Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCT. 17, 1905.

Meeting called to order at 7.45 p. m., by the Town Clerk.

Art. 1. Elected O. C. Nickerson, Moderator.

Art. 2. The chair appointed Jonathan Eldridge and George H. Nickerson Tellers.

On a motion of Charles Bassett it was voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the town to complete the stone highway between the eastern end of the $3,000.00 layout of 1905, and the western end of the Massachusetts State Highway near the West Chatham post-office, upon condition that the said commission will repay to the

town the cost of the construction thereof before the end of the year 1907.

Art. 3. Voted, To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire the sum of $7,000.00 for the purpose of constructing the aforesaid section.

Voted, To adjourn.

ALFRED C. HARDING,

Town Clerk.

ELDREDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1905.			
Hon. Marcellus Eldredge Fund,			$20,000 00
Eldredge Fund,			5,000 00
Isaac H. Loveland Fund,			1,000 00
Principal of Trust Fund,			$26,000 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1905,		$186 47	
Income:			
Hon. Marcellus Eldredge Fund,	$685 20		
Eldredge Fund,	200 00		
Isaac H. Loveland Fund,	35 30		
Town of Chatham appropriation for 1905,	250 00		
Fine money,	22 59		
		1,193 09	
			1,379 56
			$27,379 56

EXPENDITURES.

1905.			
Standard Oil Co., oil,		$23 46	
Freight and cartage,		4 50	
			$27 96
Eldredge Bros.,	bill,	$5 99	
O. C. Nickerson,	"	26 38	
J. Briggs,	"	4 75	
Geo. H. Eldredge,	"	10 00	
John J. Howes,	"	75	
P. M. Dill,	"	1 05	
D. E. Howes,	"	1 39	
			50 31
Zenas Nickerson, coal,		$39 00	
C. Ellis,	"	93 60	
L. Sidney Atwood, wood,		3 50	
			136 10
Library supplies,		$4 00	
Miscellaneous supplies,		3 85	
			7 85
Union Safe Deposit Co., rent,			10 00
New England News Co., magazines,			45 40
Boston Book Binding Co.,		$10 50	
Chas. E. Lauriat Co., books,		129 04	
Little, Brown & Co., books,		7 67	
Express on books,		4 25	
			151 46
Florence H. Bond, salary as librarian,		$312 00	
Philip M. Dill, salary as janitor,		250 00	
			562 00
Balance on hand,			388 48
			$1,379 56

Hon. Marcellus Eldredge Fund:		
North Avenue Savings Bank, Cambridge,	$1,000 00	
Cambridge Savings Bank, Cambridge,	1,000 00	
Cambridgeport Savings Bank, Cambridge,	1,000 00	
East Cambridge Savings Bank, East Cambridge,	1,000 00	
Sumner Savings Bank, East Boston,	1,000 00	
Charlestown Savings Bank, Charlestown,	1,000 00	
Warren Savings Bank, Charlestown,	1,000 00	
Institution for Savings, Boston,	1,000 00	
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston,	1,000 00	
Home Savings Bank, Boston,	1,000 00	
Wildey Savings Bank, Boston,	1,000 00	
Eliot Savings Bank, Boston,	1,000 00	
Belmont Savings Bank, Boston,	1,000 00	
Dorchester Savings Bank, Dorchester,	1,000 00	
Arlington Savings Bank, Arlington,	1,000 00	
North End Savings Bank, Boston,	1,000 00	
		$16,000 00
Faneuil Hall National Bank, awaiting other investments,		4,000 00
		$20,000 00

Amount brought forward,	$20,000 00
Eldredge Fund, 5 United States Bonds, 1917,	5,000 00
Isaac H. Loveland Fund, Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, Harwich,	1,000 00
	$26,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. HARDING,
Treasurer.

BOOKS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1905.

January	736
February	715
March	895
April	713
May	451
June	560
July	1,188
August	1,264
September	739
October	545
November	653
December	738
	9,197

Books in library, 4,589.
Average, 766 5-12.

F. H. BOND,
Librarian.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

TOWN OF CHATHAM

FOR THE YEAR

1905.

CHATHAM MONITOR PRINT:
E. T. Bearse, Manager.
1906.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

E. Z. RYDER, Chairman,	Term expires Feb.,	1906
B. H. BUCK, Secretary,	" "	1907
E. T. BEARSE,	" "	1908

SUPERINTENDENT.

FRANK H. HILL.

DISTRICT.

Harwich, Chatham, Orleans and Eastham.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Chatham:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit my third annual report as superintendent of your schools.

I call your attention to the Table of Statistics of Attendance, which shows by comparison with that of the preceding year, an increase in the average membership, an increase in the average attendance, an increase in the percentage of attendance, and a decrease of 1,498 in the half-day absences. As a pupil's interest in his school is measured to some extent by his voluntary attendance, and as his attendance stimulates his interest in the school, it is gratifying to record data like the above, and proper, perhaps, to refer to it as visible evidence of a healthy and progressive school spirit.

We are now entered upon the school year of 1905-6, with seven new teachers. All of the seven vacancies came about by the resignation of teachers who are now employed elsewhere or are doing professional work in higher institutions of learning. Three of the seven vacancies occurred in the small primary schools, where the salary is too low to tempt teachers of training or experience, and are filled by bright High school graduates who are doing the work required with fidelity and enthusiasm. The other vacancies occurred in

the High school, where Mr. Cushman, a college and normal school graduate, was elected as principal, and Miss Stratton, a college graduate, as assistant; in the Chatham Seventh Grade room, where Miss Springer, a college graduate, was elected, and in the South Chatham Grammar school, to which Miss Sias, a normal school graduate, was elected. Thus, notwithstanding the many changes in the teaching force, we have a reasonable right to expect a successful year's work.

I wish to commend the action of the committee in promoting Miss Annie Slavin to the eighth grade, in part because it gives the seventh grade pupils with whom she worked last year, another year with this excellent teacher, and in part because I consider the eighth grade one of the most important and difficult grades above the strictly primary, and as such requiring a strong, professional teacher.

Of the present teachers who were with us last year, it is sufficient to say that they have my entire confidence, and that they are doing the same strong work and with the same faithfulness as last year.

It was not a change of policy, but an expediency to equalize the number of pupils in two schools, that led to requiring the fourth grade pupils from the Atwood section to attend the intermediate school in the High school building. By this change Miss Ryder now has three grades with 26 pupils, instead of four with 40 pupils; and Miss Smith has two grades with 25 pupils, instead of one grade with 11 pupils. The result of this division is entirely satisfactory from the standpoint of the pupil, for whom the schools exist, and it is especially pleasing to recall that there has been little if any opposition by the parents.

I have for a long time felt that it is desirable to have a special instructor in Drawing and Music in the Chatham

schools. Drawing is a required subject, and it will be seen from the following facts that music is so universally taught in the State as to make it almost a necessity in the schools where it is not taught systematically :

There are 354 cities and towns in the state.

Vocal music is taught as a regular branch of instruction in all the schools of 270 cities and towns.

These 270 cities and towns contain 96.8 per cent. of all the pupils in the State.

In the remaining 84 towns where music is not a required study, it is taught in a considerable number of schools by teachers who are musically inclined.

Thus, 3.2 per cent. only of the pupils of Massachusetts do not receive systematic instruction in music.

Of the introduction of Drawing as a required subject it has been said: "In a Commonwealth so largely dependent for its material prosperity on manufacturing industries, it was the plain duty of the State to offer training for the eye and hand."

And of the value of Music, here is what is said in a recent report on the Teaching of Music in the Public Schools of Massachusetts to the Committee on Music of the State Board of Education: "There are members of the Board of Education who believe that the ear has a no less useful office in life than the eye. Through the spoken word, by the living voice, we come into the closest possible communication with our fellows; and when the common elements of sound existing in the world all about us are raised and glorified by the art of music, an avenue of life is open which knows no end. Especially in a materialistic age does the art of music become of great importance in providing food for the growth of that spiritual life, without which a free commonwealth cannot exist." And, "It gives them an opportunity to use

their talent in giving pleasure to others—a matter of considerable importance in education."

I am in accord with the sentiment of the State on the value of Drawing and Music in the public schools; and while I appreciate the efforts of individual teachers who are teaching both these subjects in Chatham, I yet believe these subjects can never acquire their proper standing with other school subjects without the aid of an instructor professionally trained to teach them. I would therefore recommend that Chatham unite with other towns, preferably, I think, the other towns of this superintendency district, in the employment of an instructor of Drawing and Music.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for the friendliness you have shown the teachers and myself in our administration of the educational interests of Chatham, and for your hearty co-operation in the same.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Chatham, Jan. 3, 1906.

STATISTICS, SCHOOL YEAR 1904-5.

Name of School	Teacher	Where Educated	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percentage of Attendance	Half Day Absences	Tardy Marks	Dismissals	Visits by School Officials	Visits by Others
North Primary	Mildred M. Hartwell	Hyannis Normal	21	15.59	12.13	77.60	735	67	9	7	103
Port Primary	Bernice Chase	Harwich High	11	10.05	9.76	92.93	260	52	5	9	22
South Grammar	Bertha M. Buck	Chatham High	24	21.00	19.00	91.60	856	141	15	11	73
South Primary	Mary W Howes	Chatham High	23	19.55	17.10	89.72	1000	76	13	12	83
West Primary	Roxana Gould	Chatham High	18	13.00	11.25	85.29	615	141	26	10	155
Atwood Primary	Effie M. Ryder	Chatham High	39	33.93	29 96	90.58	1189	196	32	17	192
Village Primary	Edna M. Hammond	Chatham High	26	19.10	17.50	90.77	516	43	7	13	90
Chatham V, VI	Susan G. Smith	New Britain(Ct) Normal	37	33.00	29.10	88.18	1336	84	12	15	26
Chatham VII	Annie Slavin	Hyannis Normal	35	30.50	29.81	97.74	319	40	37	20	114
Chatham VIII	Nellie M. Rogers	Castine (Me.) Normal	24	22.47	19.76	87.21	993	173	44	17	16
Chatham High	W. S. Dunn Ernestine M. Litchfield	Bates College Radcliffe College	46	40.00	35.15	87.70	1258	272	39		
Total			*304	258.19	230.52	89.28	9077	1285	239	131	874

* Less 5, enrolled in two or more schools during the year, making 299 different pupils enrolled.

ROLL OF HONOR.

THREE TERMS.

Agnes Travers,	Chatham, Grade VII
Gladys Houchin,	" "
Mercie A. Young,	West Chatham
Alice Tuttle,	South Chatham Primary
George Nickerson,	" " "
Beulah Bearse,	" " "

TWO TERMS.

Julia G. Bassett,	High
Gertrude E. Berry,	"
Rhoda E. Kendrick,	"
Irene A. Harding,	"
Gladys Berry,	Chatham Grade VIII
Nathan Eldredge,	" Grade VII
Mercy Eldredge,	" "
Elwin Nickerson,	" "
Mora Nickerson,	" "
Iva Grant,	Chatham Grades V and VI
Florence Grant,	" " "
Richard Slavin,	" " "
Mary Nickerson,	" " "
Estelle F. Atwood,	Atwood School
Doris E. Grant,	" "
Harold B. Ryder,	" "
Charles E. Young,	West Chatham
Blanche Clifford,	Chatham Port
Leo V. Eldredge,	" "

ONE TERM.

Mary L. Childs,		High
Gertrude Slavin,		"
Arvilla Howes,	Chatham	Grade VII
Lucille Nickerson,	"	"
Ruth Bassett,	"	"
Jennie Kendrick,	"	"
Edith Nickerson,	"	"
Emma Howes,	Chatham	Grades V and VI
Lucille Olson,	" "	"
Eva Ryder,	" "	"
Lena Speight,	" "	"
Mildred Bloomer,		Village School
Ziba Nickerson,		" "
Isabel F. Eldredge,		Atwood School
Olive E. Ryder,		" "
Gladys R. Atwood,		" "
Harry W. Eldredge,		" "
Annie E. Larkin,		" "
Barbara C. Howes,		" "
Edith Woods,		West Chatham
Bennie A. Buck,		" "
Marguerite W. Nickerson,		North "
Thomas Nickerson,		Chatham Port
Mildred Bassett,		" "
Luther Tripp,		" "
Wilbur T. Cahoon,	South	Chatham Grammar
Ray S. Eldredge,	"	"
James C. Young,	"	"
Edwin F. Cahoon,	"	"
Ralph S. Eldredge,	"	"
Christina Nickerson,	"	"

Florizel E. Bearse,	South Chatham Grammar
Genevieve Tuttle,	" "
Doris Bearse,	South Chatham Primary
Lena Eldredge,	" "
Chauncey Nickerson,	" "

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S ESTIMATE FOR 1906.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent,	$546 68	
Supervision,	225 00	
Teachers,	3,500 00	
Janitors,	350 00	
Books and supplies,	250 00	
Miscellaneous,	300 00	
Fuel,	250 00	
Music and Drawing,	150 00	
Transportation of Pupils,	75 00	
		$5,646 68

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Financial statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905:

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriations,	$5,119 32	
Dog fund,	112 13	
State school fund,	1,303 90	
J. L. Hammett, (returned),	1 44	
State lunacy and charity,	12 00	
Superintendent fund, (State)	458 33	
		$7,007 12

Total receipts brought forward,	$7,007 12
EXPENDITURES.	
Requisitions drawn,	6,877 26
Unexpended balance,	$129 86

Respectfully submitted,

E. Z. RYDER,
BENJ. H. BUCK,
ERASTUS T. BEARSE,
School Committee.

I have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and supported with proper vouchers.

GEO. W. BLOOMER,
Auditor.

Chatham, Jan. 6, 1906.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1906.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees and act thereon.

Art 3. To fix the rate for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be considered necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and appropriate the same to the several departments.

Art. 6. To vote Yes or No, on the following questions: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? (Polls must be kept open one hour.)

Art. 7. To determine the manner of repairing the highways for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to use all means of collecting the same which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not exceeding $6,000.00 in anticipation of taxes, and

make the same payable from the taxes of the present year.

Art. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 11. To see what action the Town will take with reference to its eel, shell and other fisheries.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the granting of eel and shell fish permits by any one member of the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to pay over to the Sinking Fund Commissioners all the balances of the several appropriations for 1906, unexpended on Dec. 31st, 1906.

Art. 14. To elect one Commissioner of the Sinking Fund (for 3 years) to meet the Town's railroad bonds coming due Sept. 1, 1907.

Art. 15. To elect one School Committee for three years.

Art. 16. To elect one Road Commissioner for three years.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to defend any suits brought against the Town or Commonwealth for damages on account of the construction of State highways in this town.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to stipulate in writing in behalf of the Town to indemnify and save harmless the Commonwealth against all claims and demands for damages which may be sustained by any person whose property is taken for, or is injured by the construction of any highway which the Massachusetts Highway Commission may lay out and construct, as a State road in this town.

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take, if any, in relation to a proper observance of Old Home Week, and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to defend the suit of Dr. Benjamin F. Worthing, pending against the Town of Chatham on account of Mrs. Annie G. Orloff, and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25.00 for the care of the Town Hall grounds.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to shingle anew the Town Hall and make appropriation for the same.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15.00 for the care of the Tower Clock for the year 1906 and empower the Selectmen to appoint some suitable person to have the care of said clock for the year 1906. (By request.)

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to dig out and keep open the ditch leading from Main Street through the land of F. N. Kelley, heirs of Elijah Crosby and others, and make an appropriation for the same. (By request.)

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to lease to S. W. Gould & Son, a piece of ground for the growing of oysters, said ground situated under the waters of Stage Harbor, northeasterly from Morris Island, to be located and properly marked with approval of Selectmen. (By request.)

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to complete the grading of the High School grounds and make an appropriation for the same. (By request.)

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to appoint one or more Police Officers for the ensuing year or such portions of said year as may be deemed for the best interest of the town (the duty of said Police Officers to be, the patrolling of our streets every evening during such time as they may be appointed for, from the

hours of 7 p. m. to 11 or 12 p. m., together with their visits at all public gatherings held in said town, and at all times to be on the watch for any violation of the law against the good order and reputation of our town), said officers to have full power to act as given by the statutes of Massachusetts, and make a suitable appropriation to carry the same into effect. (By request.)

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars to build a rollway or skidway over the dike at the cut through south of the village. (By request).

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee to investigate the rights of the town in herring fisheries and to report what action is necessary thereon. (By request.)

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road as laid out anew by the Road Commissioners at North Chatham on the petition of Edmund S. Kendrick and others and make an appropriation for the same. (By request.)

Art. 31. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the care of the water near the store of E. T. Bearse and others. (By request.)

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Dollars for repairing and hardening the road which leads from Village Hall to the shore of the Mill Creek. (By request.)

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Selectmen of Chatham.